

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY SENATE

Meeting of the Senate of Simon Fraser University held on
Monday, February 2, 2004 at 5:30 pm in Room 3210 WMC

OPEN SESSION

Present: Percival, Paul,
Vice-Chair of Senate

Apaak, Clement
Beynon, Peter
Brennand, Tracy
Budd, James
Clayman, Bruce
Copeland, Lynn
Dickinson, John
Driver, Jon
Dunsterville, Valerie
Fung, Edward
Giacomantonio, Chris
Gordon, Robert
Gregory, Titus
Grimmett, Peter (representing P. Shaker)
Hauerland, Norbert
Honda, Barry
Horvath, Adam
Krane, Bill
Love, Ernie
Mathewes, Rolf (representing M. Plischke)
McFetridge, Paul
Naef, Barbara
Parkhouse, Wade (representing B. Lewis)
Peters, Joseph
Pierce, John
Rozell, Sara
Sears, Camilla
Scott, Jamie
Smith, Don
Tombe, Trevor
Van Aalst, Jan
Waterhouse, John
Weeks, Daniel
Wong, Josephine
Yerbury, Colin
Yoo, Rick

Heath, Ron, Dean of Student Services/Registrar
Watt, Alison, Director, University Secretariat
Grant, Bobbie, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Atkins, Stella
da Silva, Gisele
D'Auria, John
Fizzell, Maureen
Gill, Alison
Gupta, Kamal
Heaney, John
Higgins, Anne
Hira, Andy
Kaila, Pam
Kalanj, Tiffany
Mauser, Gary
McArthur, James
Stevenson, Michael
Thandi, Ranbir
Wessel, Sylvia
Wong, Milton
Woodbury, Rob

In attendance:

Kaufman, David

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session of January 5, 2004

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Reference was made to the discussion at the last meeting with respect to the issue of the new student information vis-à-vis its ability to handle prerequisite checks. Senate was advised that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies was asked to consider the issue and provide advice to Senate as to how best to proceed.

Reference was made to the announcement about revisions to the University Act and disappointment was expressed that the changes still did not allow international students to run for positions on the Board of Governors. Senate was advised that the Act restricted membership on the Board to Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents. The hope was expressed that the Government could be persuaded in future amendments to the Act to change this requirement.

4. Report of the Chair

The Chair was pleased to report the appointment of Dr. Mario Pinto as Vice-President, Research, effective September 1, 2004.

5. Question Period

The problem of missing reserve materials and the issue of security for the Library Reserves area was raised. One Senator suggested that a security alarm system could be installed at the Library Reserve exit. Senate was informed that a review of the Library's security situation for the reserves area was planned.

6. Report of CommitteesA) Senate Committee on University Teaching and Learningi) Paper S.04-11 – Annual Report (For Information)

D. Kaufman, Director, Learning and Instructional Development Centre, was in attendance in order to respond to questions.

There being no questions, Senate received the Annual Report of SCUTL for information.

B) Senate Graduate Studies Committeei) Paper S.04-12 – Curriculum Revision – English (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved a revision to the language requirement for MA students.

ii) Paper S.04-13 – Curriculum Revision – Computing Science (For Information)

Senate received information that the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, acting under delegated authority, approved five new courses in Computing Science. These courses will be cross-listed and offered concurrently with MBB courses of the same number as part of the Graduate Diploma in Bioinformatics which was previously approved by Senate.

C) Senate Committee on Agenda and Rulesi) Paper S.04-14 – Changes to the University Act – Revisions to Rules of Senate

Reference was made to the announcement at the last meeting of Senate with respect to changes to the University Act affecting eligibility to stand in elections for Senate and the Board of Governors. As a result of these changes, the Rules of Senate required amendment in order to bring them into compliance with the revised University Act. Under normal circumstances a change to the Rules of Senate would require a Notice of Motion at one meeting, with consideration of the motion at the following meeting. However, in order to expedite the matter to deal with spring elections to Senate and the Board of Governors, SCAR suggested that the Rules of Senate be suspended and the motion to change the Rules of Senate be dealt with.

Moved by T. Gregory, seconded by C. Giacomantonio,

“that the Rules of Senate be suspended to allow immediate consideration of Paper S.04-12”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED BY
2/3 MAJORITY

Moved by C. Apaak, seconded by L. Copeland

“that the following parts of the Rules of Senate be amended by Senate to reflect the changes in the University Act:

- 1) Remove the word “full-time” from the following Sections of the Rules of Senate: D.4, G – from the heading of the section; G.3 (lead paragraph); G.3.j; L.2
and
- 2) Delete F.3.a)iii) – this section sets out the conditions for undergraduate students to satisfy full-time status”

Question was called, and a vote taken.

MOTION CARRIED

D) Senate Nominating Committee

i) Paper S.04-15 – Elections

Senate was advised that no further nominations had been received. Josephine Wong was therefore elected by acclamation (Student Senator) to the Senate Committee on University Priorities, and the remaining vacancies on the Senate Committee on International Activities (Faculty Senator) and the Senate Committee on Continuing Studies (Student Senator) would be brought forward. The Chair requested that anyone interested in the vacant positions should contact the Nominating Committee Chair, J. Van Aalst or the Secretary of the SNC.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Information

The date of the next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, March 1, 2004. Senate's attention was drawn to the fact that the meeting will take place at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver rather than at its regular location on the Burnaby campus. Senators were requested to watch for details in their next Senate package.

The Open Session adjourned at 5:45 pm and Senate moved directly into Closed Session.

Alison Watt
Director, University Secretariat